

REMARKS

Claims 6-11 and 19-21 and new Claim 22 remain active in the case.

Claim Amendments

Claims 6, 8 and 21 have been amended to recite that the stable and high-solids aqueous dispersion of the invention whose isocyanate material is constituted of two polyisocyanate components only. Moreover, new Claim 22 has been added as such is directed to an aqueous dispersion prepared by the sequence of steps set forth in the claims. The fact of the separate preparation of a fully blocked polyisocyanate and a hydrophilized, blocked polyisocyanate and subsequent mixture of the two types of polyisocyanates is found on page 19 of the specification. Accordingly, basis exists in the specification for the amendments to the claims and entry of the amended claims into the record is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the claims of the present invention are distinguished over the Burkhardt et al patent of record because the procedure set forth in Example 1 of the patent, for instance, will **not** result in the dispersion of the present invention that is formed from only two separately prepared and specific polyisocyanates. Rather, the procedure of Example 1 of the patent results in a mixture of a number of polyisocyanate materials, several of which are not either the completely blocked, hydrophobic polyisocyanate or the hydrophilized, blocked polyisocyanate. That is, the procedure Burkhardt et al allows for the presence of polyisocyanate molecules that are unblocked and which contain hydrophilic groups and molecules that are partially blocked and which contain no hydrophilic groups. Accordingly, the Burkhardt et al

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patent does not anticipate the present invention aspects as claimed.

It is now believed that the claims of the application are in proper condition for consideration on their merits.

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